CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A method of providing configuration information for a user object in a

2   multimedia communication network system having a server and a plurality of access

3   devices, the configuration information including values for a plurality of configuration

4   parameters, the method comprising:

5   receiving a request from a user to provide configuration information for a user

6   object, the user accessing the network system by being logged onto an existing user

7   object;

8   determining whether an administrator attribute of the existing user object is

9   enabled;

10   receiving configuration information for the user object from the user if the

11   administrator attribute is enabled;

12   providing the received configuration information to the server; and

13   receiving an identifier from the server, the identifier being associated with the

14   received configuration information.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, wherein receiving configuration information comprises

2   prompting the user to provide a value for each configuration parameter of the

3   configuration information.

1   3.   The method of claim 1, wherein receiving configuration information

2   comprises:

3   providing a configuration parameter and its value to the user;

4   receiving a indication from the user that the user has selected the

5   configuration parameter; and

6   receiving a new value for the selected configuration parameter.

1   4.   The method of claim 1, wherein receiving configuration information

2   comprises:

3   providing a plurality of configuration parameters and their values to the user;

4   receiving a indication from the user that the user has selected a configuration

5   parameter of the plurality of configuration parameters; and

6   receiving a new value for the selected configuration parameter.

1   5.   A configuration system for providing configuration information for a user

2   object in a multimedia communication network system having a server and a

3   plurality of access devices, the configuration information including values for a

4   plurality of configuration parameters, the configuration system comprising:

5   means for receiving a request from a user to provide configuration

6   information for a user object, the user accessing the network system by being

7   logged onto an existing user object;

8   means for determining whether an administrator attribute of the existing user

9   object is enabled;

10   means for receiving configuration information for the user object from the

11 user if the administrator attribute is enabled;

12   means for providing the received configuration information to the server; and

13   means for receiving an identifier from the server, the identifier being

14 associated with the received configuration information.

1 6.   The configuration system of claim 5, wherein the means for receiving

2 configuration information comprises means for prompting the user to provide a value

3 for each configuration parameter of the configuration information.

1 7.   The configuration system of claim 5, wherein the means for receiving

2 configuration information comprises:

3   means for providing a configuration parameter and its value to the user;

4   means for receiving a indication from the user that the user has selected the

5 configuration parameter; and

6   means for receiving a new value for the selected configuration parameter.

1 8.   The configuration system of claim 5, wherein the means for receiving

2 configuration information comprises:

3   means for providing a plurality of configuration parameters and their values to

4 the user;

5   means for receiving a indication from the user that the user has selected a

6 configuration parameter of the plurality of configuration parameters; and

7   means for receiving a new value for the selected configuration parameter.

1 9.   A machine-readable medium for use in a multimedia communication network

2 system having a server and a plurality of access devices, the configuration

3 information including values for a plurality of configuration parameters, the machine-

4 readable medium having instructions that when executed by a machine cause the

5 machine to perform operations comprising:

6   receiving a request from a user to provide configuration information for a user

7   object, the user accessing the multimedia communication network system by being

8   logged onto an existing user object;

9   determining whether an administrator attribute of the existing user object is

10   enabled;

11   receiving configuration information for the user object from the user if the

12   administrator attribute is enabled;

13   providing the received configuration information to the server; and

14   receiving an identifier from the server, the identifier being associated with the

15   received configuration information.

1   10.   The machine-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the operation of receiving

2   configuration information comprises an operation of prompting the user to provide a

3   value for each configuration parameter of the configuration information.

1   11.   The machine-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the operation of receiving

2   configuration information comprises:

3   providing a configuration parameter and its value to the user;

4   receiving a indication from the user that the user has selected the

5   configuration parameter; and

6   receiving a new value for the selected configuration parameter.

1   12.   The machine-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the operation of receiving

2   configuration information comprises:

3   providing a plurality of configuration parameters and their values to the user;

4   receiving a indication from the user that the user has selected a configuration

5   parameter of the plurality of configuration parameters; and

6   receiving a new value for the selected configuration parameter.

1   13.   A method of providing configuration information for at least one user object to

2   an access device in a multimedia communication network system having a server

3   and a plurality of access devices, access devices of the plurality of access devices

4   being associated with one or more households, the method comprising:

5   signaling the server that an access device is being associated with a

6   household in response to a user activating the access device when the access

7   device is coupled to the multimedia communication network system;

8   receiving from the server an indication of whether the access device is the

9   household's first access device; and

10   receiving from the server configuration information for at least one user object

11   when the access device is not the first access device of the household.

1   14.   The method of claim 13, further comprising:

2   receiving configuration information from the user via the access device when

3   the access device is the first access device of the household; and

4   providing to the server the configuration information received from the user.

1   15.   The method of claim 14 further comprising receiving from the server a ticket

2   number corresponding to the configuration information provided to the server.

1   16.   A configuration system for providing configuration information for at least one

2   user object to an access device in a multimedia communication network system

3   having a server and a plurality of access devices, access devices of the plurality of

4   access devices being associated with one or more households, the configuration

5   system comprising:

6   means for signaling the server that an access device is being associated with

7   a household in response to a user activating the access device when the access

8   device is coupled to the multimedia communication network system;

9   means for receiving from the server an indication of whether the access

10   device is the household's first access device; and

11   means for receiving from the server configuration information for at least one

12   user object when the access device is not the first access device of the household.

1   17.   The configuration system of claim 16, further comprising:

2   means for receiving configuration information from the user via the access

3   device when the access device is the first access device of the household; and

4   means for providing to the server the configuration information received from

5   the user.

1   18.   The configuration system of claim 17 further comprising means for receiving

2   from the server a ticket number corresponding to the configuration information

3   provided to the server.

1   19.   A machine-readable medium for use in a multimedia communication network

2   system having a server and a plurality of access devices, access devices of the

3   plurality of access devices being associated with one or more households, the

4   computer-readable medium having instructions that when executed by a machine

5   cause the machine to perform operations comprising:

6   signaling the server that an access device of the plurality of access devices is

7   being associated with a household in response to a user activating the access

8   device when the access device is coupled to the multimedia communication network

9   system;

10   receiving from the server an indication of whether the access device is the

11 household's first access device; and

12   receiving from the server configuration information for at least one user object

13 when the access device is not the first access device of the household.

1   20.   The machine-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the operations further

2   comprise:

3   receiving configuration information from the user via the access device when

4   the access device is the first access device of the household; and

5   providing to the server the configuration information received from the user.

1   21.   The machine-readable medium of claim 20, wherein the operations further

2   comprise receiving from the server a ticket number corresponding to the

3   configuration information provided to the server.

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